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REMARKS

No amendments have been made. Claim 1 remains in the application.
Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested.

In paper 6, paragraph 2, a new abstract was required. Applicant respectfully traverses. The abstract is identical to the abstract in the parent application, which has issued. The examiner states that the abstract is not directed to this "particular invention". From MPEP 608.01(b), as cited by the examiner (emphasis added): "The abstract should describe the disclosure" There is no requirement for the abstract to be directed to each separate invention in divisional applications.

In paper 6, paragraph 3, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing a data structure comprising a data area that includes information for control of access to regions of the data storage medium. Applicant respectfully traverses. Figure 2 illustrates a general Disk Control Block. From the application page 7, the data structure specified in claim 1 is one example of a Disk Control Block, as illustrated in figure 2.